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the application comprising:

- a. specification containing:
  - i. 24 pages of description prior to the claims;
  - ii. 4 pages of claims (32 claims);
  - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 12 sheets of drawings (Figures 1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E, 2A, 2B, 3A, 3B, 4, 5, and 6);
- c. an Application Data Sheet (37 C.F.R. § 1.76);
4. 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) Authorization to Treat a Reply As Incorporating An Extension of Time (*in duplicate*);
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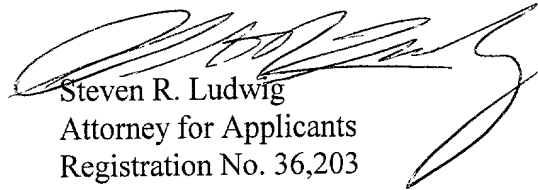
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This patent application is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) without Declaration.

Respectfully submitted,

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